



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St Joseph - Pray for us

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Dear friends,

I greet you with the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus.

What does this feast mean?

Aren't we suppose to be sad because Jesus is no longer with us, leaving us to go back to heaven?

Yes, we do lose the physical, glorified body of Jesus, but what we gain is much more.

The Ascension of Jesus completes the Paschal mystery. By Jesus's Ascension back to heaven with the Father, Jesus makes heaven and earth one in him. He also brings his sacrifice to the Father into the realm of eternity, so that all earthy time can share the graces achieved at Calvary nearly 2000 years ago. That is why Masses can be celebrated in Jesus name, because the Ascension has unlocked eternity to earthy time. Each priest celebrating Mass can access the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and the Last Supper because of the Ascension.

Crossing the Ditch was the title given to the achievement of two young Australians Justin Jones and James Castrission who paddle a kayak from Australia to New Zealand in 2007. You can now say New Zealand is only a paddle away and does not seem so far away.

Now, this is what Jesus achieves in his Ascension.

Heaven which seems to be far away is much closer now because of the Ascension, in fact, in Jesus,

Heaven is among us.

Jesus proves himself to be the true priest which means mediator, a bridge between God and man reconciling us to the Father by his intercession for us.

From the catechism of the Catholic Church. Paragraph 662.

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, **"entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."** There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he **"always lives to make intercession"** for **"those who draw near to God through him"**. As **"high priest of the good things to come"** he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.

Just before Bishop Geoff departed from this world, he completed his last book. There is book launch for this book at North Sydney on the 1st June. For more information and registration, please register on the link we have provided. Fr. Kim

Parish Office Hours of Administration

Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid

9am - 3pm

Fr. Kim is not available on Mondays.

Fr. Kim is open to suggestions either face to face or via email only.

Catechist Co-ordinator

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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Family Mass Sunday

10.30am

Mon - Frid: 9.15am

Sat: 9am

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Mon-Fri 9am

Sat 4.30pm - 5:15pm

Baptism by appointment

2nd & 4th Sun of the Month

at 12 noon

Marriage - Fri, Sat & Sun

Contact Parish Office (at least

6 months notice is required)

Parish Devotions

Cenacle & Rosary

Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer

Church is open from

8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer

Tue, Wed, Thur & Frid

8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Mercy

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Adoration, Prayer's &

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday Adoration

9:30am - 10am

Healing Mass - First Friday

of the Month.

Prayer Group - Every

Wednesday 7pm

Statue of Our Lady

will continue to visit homes,

Contact Rosina 0414 084 574



SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2022 FOR - ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & EXTERNAL SCHOOLS

The Sacrament of Confirmation is on - Sunday 12 June 2022 at 3pm Only

All other Sacrament dates will be available on the parish bulletin closer to each Sacrament.



NOTE: A REMINDER REGARDING BISHOP GEOFF'S BOOK LAUNCH

Bishop Geoff's last book, completed just before his death is being launched on June 1st at North Sydney. It costs \$40 to attend and you need to book through the following. The book

will be available for sale on the night for \$30.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/>

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES

The NEW Planned Giving Envelope boxes have arrived and are on the table at the entrance of the church. Please collect your planned giving envelope box. For those who would like to support our parish church, and contribute to the parish planned giving program, please take a box that is not labelled and a planned giving form also allocated on the table. Complete the planned giving form and return it to the parish office, during office hours. You may also give this to Fr. Kim after Mass. All donations receive a 30% tax deductible receipt at the end of the financial year.



HEALING MASS Friday 3 June 2022

Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Onyekwer. Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7pm - 8pm, Prayer & Praise 7:30pm. Mass 8pm, Exposition (after Mass). For more information contact Rose on 0412 115 961.



WALK WITH CHRIST 2022

Gather together for Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of Christ the King. This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler). Like, for instance, the crowds who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem singing "Hosanna to the Son of David" and the wise virgins who accompanied the bridegroom at his arrival to the feast, so does the faithful of Sydney in their devotion accompany the Eucharistic Lord through its streets. Festivities begin at Martin Place, 1.30pm, with the procession commencing at 2:30pm.

When: June 19 at 2:30pm

Where: Meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

Didaskó – ONLINE CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskó* seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to **"Teach them the commands I have given you"** (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course. **Bishop Umbers** will present the first *Didaskó* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm - 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism." Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/. For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

04/05 June SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Allen/Bob	Kevin	Richard	Chris
1 st Reader	Anna	Rose T	Sabrina	John
2 nd Reader	Sr. Helena	Tania	Vesna	Tony G

Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Tony & Choir	The Carpenter's Voice Choir
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Altar Servers	Grace Niamh, Patrick & Dan	Vol	Crispin	Louis
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Wardens	Patrick	Rocco	Frank	Frank
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Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Gladys T Clover Lea — ON HOLD Alwyn — ON HOLD
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Cleaning (06-12 June) Nelia, Mar & Nymia

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



Month of Mary - The Queen of Heaven

"She lives now and is protecting us. She is there (in Heaven), body and soul, with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. She is the same person who was born in Palestine, who gave herself to God while still a child, who received the message from St. Gabriel the Archangel, who gave birth to our Saviour, and who stood beside him at the foot of the Cross. In her, all ideals become a reality. But we should never think that this sublime greatness of hers makes her in-accessible to us. She is the one who is full of grace and the sum of all perfections, and she is also our Mother."

Hail Mary Full of Grace. Amen +

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick

- Boris Marina
- Joseph Justin Ytan
- Derrick Chaves
- Alessia Lara Sharpe
- Ellie Wild
- Carmelo Ilardo
- Mary Olivija
- Nathan Kemp
- Rowena B Antonio
- Zachary Marsh
- Cherilyn Frances
- Gaetano Currenti
- Elizabeth
- Rita Hammond
- Francis Abbott
- Ljuban Martinovic
- Isabella Eva Rotunno
- Margarette Clark
- Yuban Martinovic
- Eduardo Nobrega
- Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby
- Cvetka Cvelic
- Licia Heinein
- Shirley Hofman
- Clyde Crow
- Josephine Attard
- Megan Nelson
- Pochulo Caparros
- Ljuban Martinovic
- Dr. Margaret McGarrity
- Joseph Maroun
- Haifa Mannah Karam
- Lois Sander
- Robert Thomas
- HansGeorg Sander
- Stephen Drake
- Maura Turija
- Marija Barclay
- Joy Cooper
- Grace

For the Souls of

- Jessie Tan
- Theresa Louis
- Zephyrimus Walters
- Alice Sollitt
- Marcus Mackey
- Edward O'Hara
- Mary Elliott
- John Watts
- Joseph Doherty
- Metree Taffa
- Csaba Salamon
- Zena Goodhew
- Eileen McGuckin
- Catherine McLeod
- Angela Hughes
- Thomas O'Mara
- Linda Vest
- Mary McSullea
- Patricia Brown
- Esme Hegarty
- Helen Jacobson
- Souls of Unborn Children
- All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased

- Theresa
- Giovanni Bombara
- Anita Bainbridge
- Frank Gatt
- All those who have died from COVID

Anniversary

James Robson

Special Intentions from

- The Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield
- Praying for Peace in Ukraine
- Peace in the World
- And for all Covid affected People
- In the World

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 24:46-53

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We offer sacrifice now in supplication,

O Lord,

to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:

grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those

on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

REFLECTING ON OUR CALL

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension the words of the angels to the disciples can serve as a useful reminder of the meaning of this feast: 'Why are you standing here looking up at the sky?' The disciples had just witnessed the departure of their Lord and while their immediate reaction was natural there was work to be done; a mission had been entrusted to them. It was no time for standing still but getting down to the work at hand.

Firstly, the Lord had given them the mission of preaching the salvation that Jesus offered to the whole world. Secondly, they had to prepare for the gift of the Spirit which would enable and empower them to undertake their task. As the Gospel of Luke concludes we find the disciples in prayer in the temple waiting for the gift of the Spirit, joyfully pondering on what they had experienced. The reading from the letter to the Ephesians calls us to share in that journey of reflection into the meaning of not only the life of Jesus but our own life as Christians. As Paul reflected on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, he came to see that it was truly a cosmic event. Jesus was not just Lord of death but all creation. The Ephesians are invited to reflect on the richness of the gift they have all received as Christians. Today's feast of the Ascension calls us to rejoice in, and reflect on, our call and mission.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / C

29 MAY 2022

THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father's right hand and made 'ruler of everything', does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure 'until the end of the world'. In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to reveal him.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your

Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

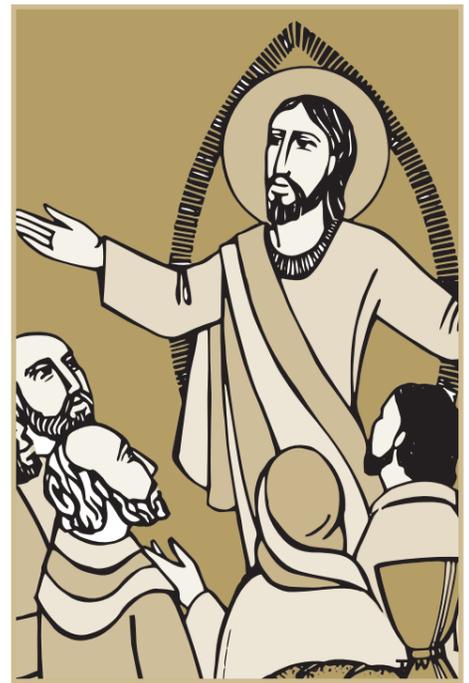
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R.**



2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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